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SUBJECT: UN EMPLOYMENT-DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

1. WHILE WAITING FOR END OF PRIVATE SESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS SUB-COMMISSION MEETING, GOVERNMENT OBSERVERS FROM US, AUSTRALIA, CANADA, FRG AND FRANCE DISCUSSED VARIOUS PERSONALITIES WHO HAVE BEEN MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT FOR HRC DIRECTOR MARC SCHREIBER. CANADA, THE NETHERLANDS, ITALY AND SYRIA HAVE CANDIDATES. IT IS ROUMORED THAT INDIA ALSO HAS A NOMINEE. CANADIAN MISOFF WAS AWARE THAT US MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN NOMINATING PEDER KUNZ, DIRECTOR OF THE UN SOCIAL DEFENSE RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN ROME.

2. AS IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATION (GENEVA 5442) IT WAS CONSENSUS THAT WEO'S SHOULD AGREE ON ONE CANDIDATE AND SEND THAT NAME FORWARD. ALL PARTICIPANTS IN DISCUSSION, SPEAKING UNOFFICIALLY, CONCLUDED THAT VAN BOVEN, THE DUTCH SUB-COMMISSION EXPERT WOULD BE THE MOST ACCEPTABLE TO THIRD WORLD AND EE COUNTRIES. HE WOULD PROBABLY BE ACCEPTABLE TO WEO'S ALSO. (VAN BOVEN'S PERFORMANCE IN LAST MEETING OF SUB-COMMISSION (SC) ALTERED SOME WEO'S VIEWS WHEN HE WAS WILLING TO MAKE MAJOR CONCESSIONS TO EE COUNTRIES REGARDING FINAL DRAFT OF SC REPORT.) IT WAS NOT CLEAR, HOWEVER, WHEN ANY APPOINTMENT COULD BE MADE BECAUSE ALTHOUGH SCHREIBER HAS NEW EXTENSION FOR ONLY SIX MONTHS (SEPT 1, 1976 - MARCH 1, 1977). ALL PARTICIPANTS IN CONVERSATION AGREED THAT HE (SCHREIBER) WOULD ASK FOR AND GET NEW EXTENSION.

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3. LATER MISOFF AND CANADIAN HR OFFICER (CHANDLER) WERE JOINED BY SCHREIBER. WHEN CHANDLER VERY BLUNTLY ASKED HRC DIRECTOR WHEN HE EXPECTED TO RESIGN FROM POSITION SCHREIBER REPLIED THAT THE POSITION WAS NOT OPEN AND FURTHERMORE HE DID NOT WANT TO LEAVE WITH THE CONVENTIONS NOW IN FORCE AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE BEING ESTABLISHED. SCHREIBER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THE NUMEROUS STATES MEMBERS WHO HAD CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION AND HE EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE THAT THEY HAD ALL INFORMED HIM OF THEIR INTEREST. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT SCHREIBER WILL HANG-IN AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. DURING CONVERSATION IT WAS CLEAR THAT HE HAS NO INTENTION OF LEAVING THE UN ANYTIME IN THE DISTANT FUTURE. CATTO

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